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PATENT
Docket No. 58009-017200REMARKS

Applicant has amended the specification and the claims to correct any grammatical errors and informalities. Applicants submit that the claims are in a condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner has rejected claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. section 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 3 has been amended to delete the reference of separating the packages. Applicant submits that this amendment is fully responsive to the Examiner's concerns with respect to claim 3.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 3 and 8-10 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rung (U.S. Patent No. 5,247,781) in view of Rico (EP Patent No. 1,106,506).

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate features of claim 2. Claim 5 has been rewritten in independent form as suggested by the Examiner. All these amendments are in line with the suggestions of the Examiner so as to place amended claims 1-10 in condition for allowance.

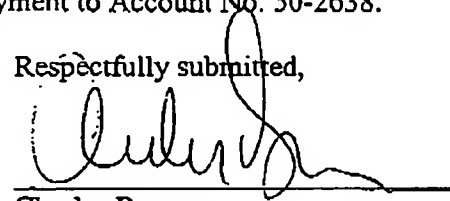
Applicants have complied with all requirements made in the above referenced communication. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Should matters remain, which the Examiner believes could be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to telephone the Applicants' undersigned agent.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, now or in the future, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 50-2638.

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